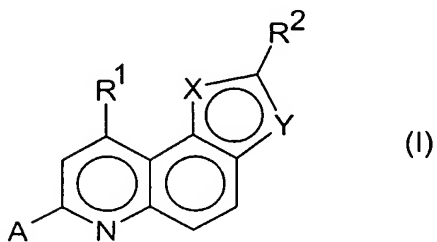


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**Abstract**

10 The invention relates to tricyclic heteroaromatic compounds of general formula (I)  
and the salts thereof



wherein the structural elements X, Y, A, R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are defined in the specification. The invention also relates to the preparation of these compounds and their use as pharmaceutical compositions, particularly as analgesics.